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RISK OF GASTRIC CANCER

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 16, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 16, 2005. This response is due on or before September 16, 2005 with a petition for three month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment, remarks, and accompanying papers in the application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are shown in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks are shown beginning on page 9.